

I have worked at Lakefront Airport over the last five years for major conventions and the such. I am not a licensed pilot but I have dealt with many passengers and pilots that have come in and out of this airport. Being born and raised in New Orleans I have witnessed some of the most blatant abuse of power by public officials anywhere in the United States here in New Orleans. Obviously Mr James Livingston, who is the chairman of the airport committee, has his own agenda. There is no way after doing my research on this matter, that anyone with any kind of a business IQ could strike a lease with AAC for these terms. These are my concerns as well as others:

1. Where is any money from AAC?
2. How can this company pay 300,000 a year for rent when one business alone, Million Air, pays over 450,000 annually?
3. How can a company with minimum experience be allowed to take over Lakefront Airport with its importance to the City and State?
4. Why did Mr Livingston refuse to give TBI a letter during the negotiations relieving them of the responsibility of the seawall repairs?
5. Why did the Orleans Levee District tell the FAA in its final application that it would relieve AAC from the seawall repairs?
6. How did Larry Sisuing bid on this lease when he is also employed by the Orleans Levee District as its investment advisor?
7. The main question, How can the FAA relieve the Orleans Levee District of its 20 million dollar grant assurances?

In closing, it is painfully obvious the Orleans Levee District will use the private company to steal the land right from under the airport for private non-aviation related interests. The taxpayers once again will end up with the huge bill once this incompetent company destroys everything that is there now. I will be at the meeting on May 10th to watch this fiasco!!!